



Garden State Parkway

Interchanges 41 and 44 Improvements



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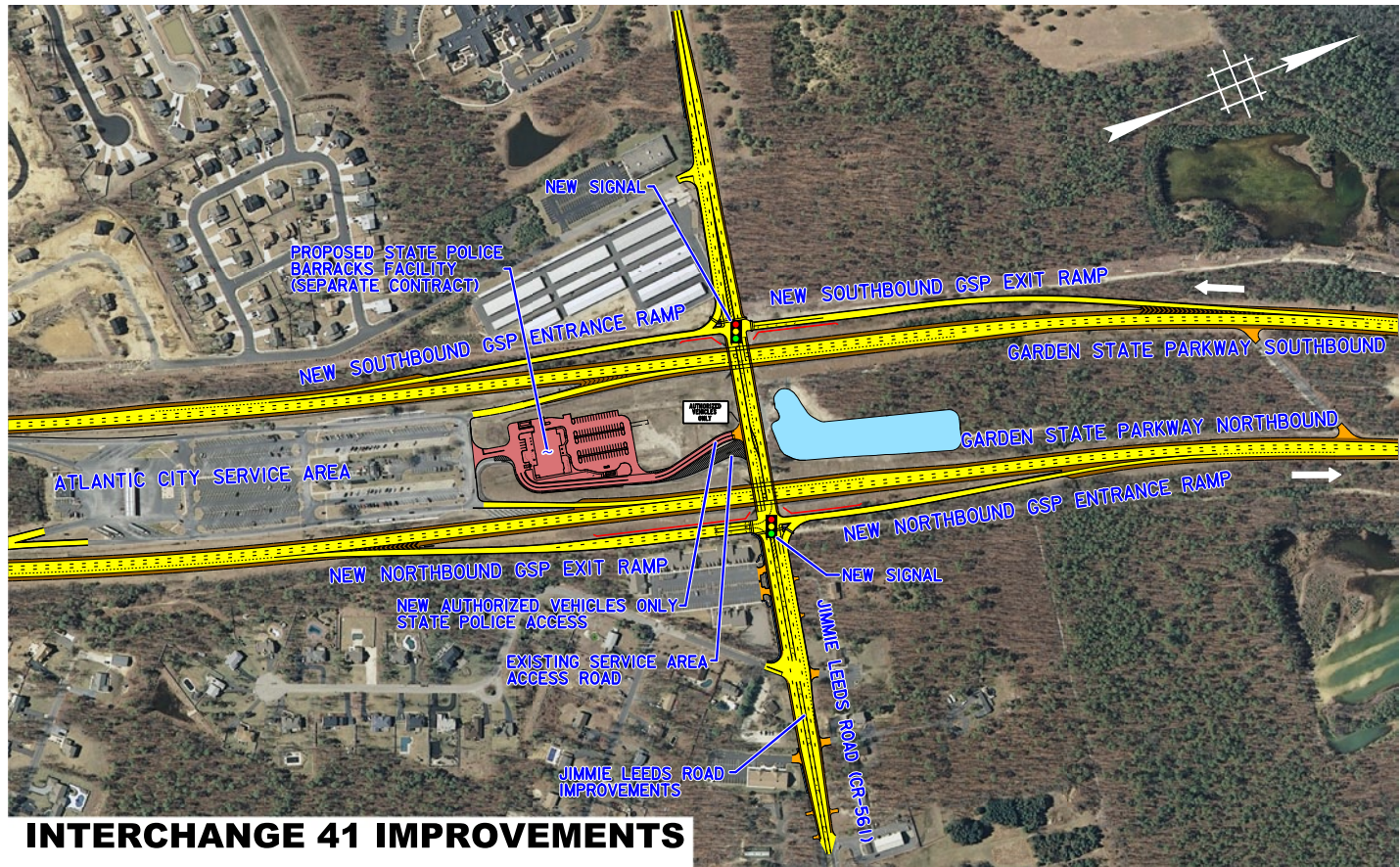
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Galloway Township Municipal Complex
300 E. Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, New Jersey

Project Description:

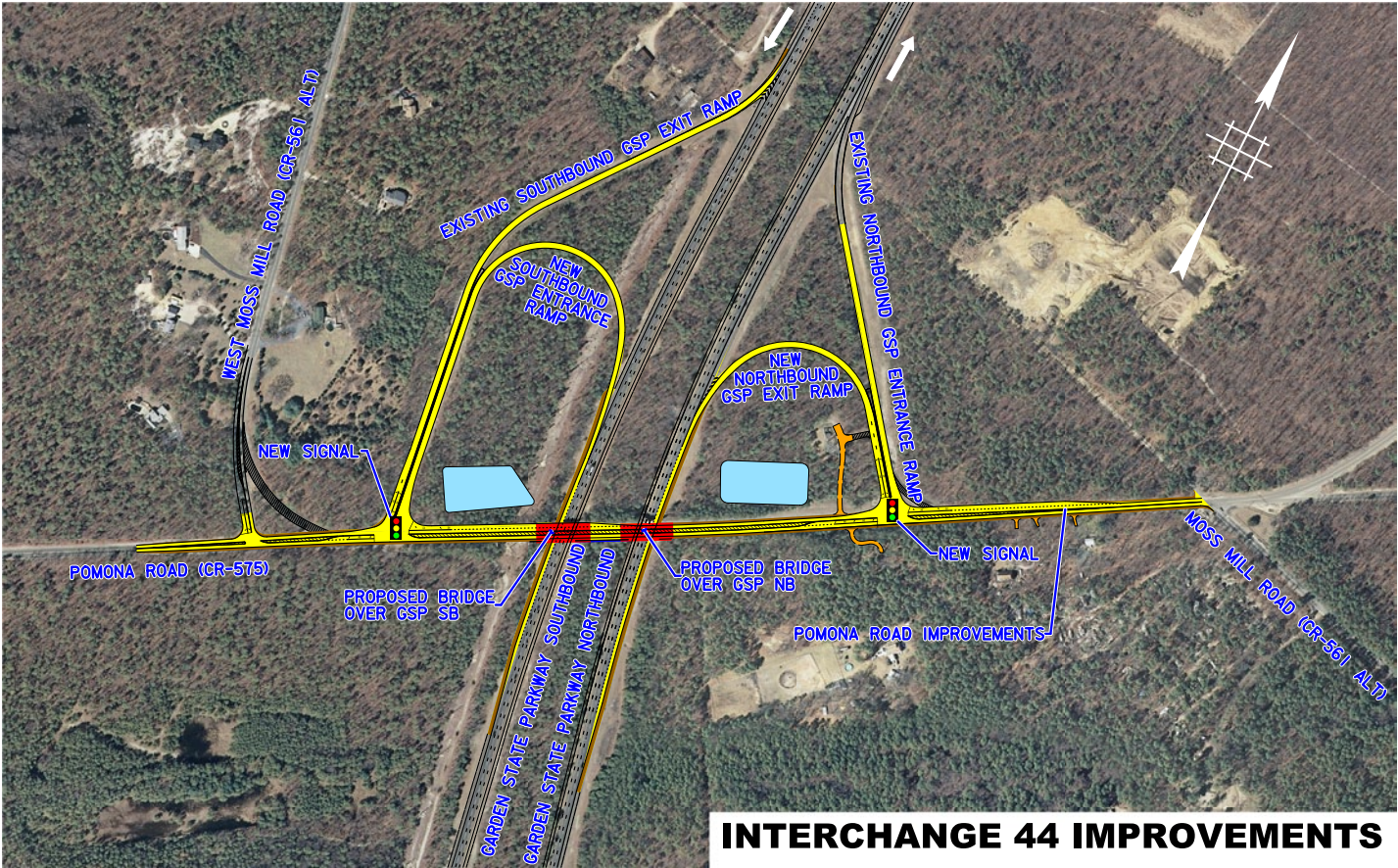
The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) is proposing Garden State Parkway (GSP) improvements to Interchanges 41 and 44 in Galloway Township, Atlantic County. Interchange 41 is in need of operational and safety improvements to eliminate “cut-through” traffic utilizing the Atlantic City Service Area as a direct connection to and from Jimmie Leeds Road. Approximately 2.5 miles to the north, Interchange 44 access is limited, only providing access to and from the north.

The proposed project lies within the limits of the NJTA’s GSP MP 30-80 Widening Program that will provide 3 lanes in each direction between Interchange 30 in Somers Point, Atlantic County, and Interchange 80 in South Toms River, Ocean County. Under a separate contract, the State of New Jersey is relocating the existing Bass River State Police Barracks Facility between Interchange 41 and the Atlantic City Service Area.



INTERCHANGE 41 IMPROVEMENTS

Currently at Interchange 41, the Atlantic City Service Area is utilized to access the northbound and southbound Parkway via an access road that connects the Service Area to Jimmie Leeds Road. The proposed diamond interchange concept at Interchange 41 provides a new state-of-the art interchange, reconfigured to safely and efficiently accommodate current and future traffic demand. The existing access road will be realigned to incorporate the proposed State Police Barracks Facility and shall be restricted to emergency and authorized vehicles only. Improvements to Jimmie Leeds Road will include widening to accommodate the interchange left turn movements and to provide shoulders of sufficient width to accommodate bicycles.



INTERCHANGE 44 IMPROVEMENTS

Interchange 44 improvements will include two new ramps to provide for the missing movements to and from the south. The two new intersections between Pomona Road and the GSP Ramps will be signalized to safely accommodate turning movements. The replacement of the Pomona Road overpass structures will accommodate both the Pomona Road improvements as well as the addition of the third through lane proposed as part of the NJTA’s GSP MP 30-80 Widening Program.

Project Goals:

- Improve Interchange 41 to safely and efficiently accommodate current and future traffic demand and eliminate “cut-through” traffic utilizing the Atlantic City Service Area as a direct connection between Jimmie Leeds Road and the GSP.
- Improve the safety and operations of traffic circulation within the Atlantic City Service Area
- Upgrade existing Interchange 44 from a partial to full interchange by providing the missing movements to and from the south and improving the existing interchange ramps to current standards
- Minimize environmental impacts, including disturbance to forested areas, wetlands, and Threatened & Endangered Species habitat
- Prepare interchange designs which are compatible with the NJTA’s GSP MP 30-80 Widening Program and the proposed adjacent State Police Barracks Facility
- Improve stormwater management facilities in accordance to stormwater management regulations set forth by both the NJDEP and the Pinelands Commission.
- Minimize Right-of-Way impacts

Project Benefits:

- The proposed diamond Interchange 41 provides a state-of-the art interchange, configured to safely and efficiently accommodate current and future traffic demand. Local residents are provided a direct connection to and from the GSP without the need to intermix with Atlantic City Service Area traffic.
- Interchange 41 proposed movements will be consistent with driver's expectations by providing interchange ramp movements adjacent to the outer GSP lanes.
- Improvements to Jimmie Leeds Road and Pomona Road will enhance the flow of traffic and improve safety and operations.
- Adjacent property access along Jimmie Leeds Road will be improved by use of a shared center-turn lane.
- Access to and from the south is greatly enhanced.
- Stormwater facilities will be upgraded to current standards. Existing deficiencies at the infiltration basin, within the median just north of Jimmie Leeds Road, will be corrected.
- Although direct access between Jimmie Leeds Road and the Service Area will no longer be permitted, the Interchange 44 improvements will provide the missing movements to and from the south providing local residents access to the Service Area.
- Use of the existing commuter parking lot in the Atlantic City Service Area will remain. With the interchange improvements in-place, local access will be provided from the new Interchange 44 ramps providing access to and from the south.
- Local residents will have direct access to and from the GSP without the need to "intermix" with Service Area traffic.
- Projected traffic growth generated by Richard Stockton College will be accommodated.
- The new interchange configuration along with the permitted emergency vehicle use of the Service Area and State police facility drive will facilitate travel of emergency vehicles.

Construction:

The construction of the Interchanges 41 and 44 Improvements is anticipated to be performed under one construction contract. The project will be constructed with minimal impacts to traffic with all lanes remaining open during peak traffic periods. Any necessary lane closures will be for short duration during off-peak traffic periods. Maintenance and protection of traffic will be carefully planned to minimize impacts to the public. Existing access to adjacent properties, including businesses and private driveways, will be maintained during construction. The existing access road between the Atlantic City Service Area and Jimmie Leeds Road will remain open until the Interchange 41 new ramps are in service.

At the Information Center, in accordance with the New Jersey No Net Loss Act, NJTA will also present information concerning the clearing of trees in association with the project

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Tentative Construction Schedule:

